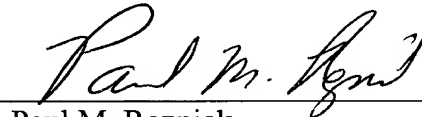


Further, Applicants believe that claims 24-26 can easily be examined in this case and should not be subject to a restriction requirement, especially since a favorable search report was issued. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be removed and allowance of pending claims 1-26 be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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